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Subject: nullRegarding Your Request for Share Your Opinion with the Governor's Office

Dear Melody,

Thank you for taking the time to send Governor Hickenlooper an e-mail. Your thoughts and concerns are important to him. He receives a heavy volume of e-mail, and each one is reviewed carefully so it can be appropriately addressed. Due to the high number of emails, we are unable to respond personally to each one, but please know that your input means a great deal to Governor Hickenlooper.

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Subject: EPA Superfund site in San Juan

Explanation: I recently attended an educational forum of the Animas Rivers Stakeholders Group. The Stakeholders Group presented the history of their efforts to clean up the Animas River. The group has done a tremendous job and should be commended for their actions. The dilemma lies in the fact that the progress has not only stalled, it is reversing. As you are probably aware, Cement Creek presents a lot of loading of heavy metals to the Animas River. In the last few years the loading of heavy metals has increased!!! As trout cannot live in such polluted waters, the trout population has decreased significantly. The group has a lot of possible ways to start reversing the decline and cleaning up the waters of Cement Creek and therefore the Animas River. The only viable way to start work soon is for the EPA to declare a superfund site in Cement Creek. I am writing to support this step.

Clean Water: The first benefit from a superfund designation is that it would start the process of cleaning up the water. The other benefits are very direct to the communities of Silverton and Durango.

Jobs: A superfund designation would provide jobs to Silverton and San Juan County. A lot of the work would need to be done in San Juan County. Silverton still has some of the same miners that plugged the Sunnyside tunnels in the first attempt towards cleaning up the water. Some of the same mining employees that put in the concrete plugs still live in Silverton and would be available for jobs to remove the plugs.

Jobs in Silverton and San Juan County would benefit all of the residents here. The

creation of jobs for the superfund designation would carry San Juan County through the economically very lean times that we are facing.

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Once again, thank you for taking the time to communicate with our offices.

Sincerely,

The Office of Governor Hickenlooper